

# **Grace Lutheran Church**

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www.gracelutheranmidlandtx.org office@gracelutheranmidlandtx.org **WELCOME TO GRACE:** We are honored and privilege to have you join us this day in the Lord's house as we hear His Word and celebrate Christ's presence in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Sacrament. *If you are a guest with us this morning*, please give us your information on the pew pad and let us know how we can be of service to you. *God's richest blessings for today and this week to come!* 

**GRACE'S SPIRITUAL DNA:** Understanding our MISSION, VISION, and VALUES forms our "Spiritual DNA" as a congregation, from which we determine our "why" as a church:

**Mission** ("Why do we exist?") GO. LOVE. CHRIST.

**Scripture References:** Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:3; 2 Corinthians 5:20-21; 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 Peter 2:9-10; 1 John 3:16.

**Vision** ("How do we accomplish our purpose?")

- **†** Sharing His Grace.
  - † Living His Word.
    - **†** Making Disciples.

Values ("What will we do?")

- Bible-centered preaching and teaching for all leading to a community of disciples and servants.
- Word and Sacraments regularly celebrated as God's means of grace.
- \* As God people we reach out in His grace, loving, seeking, and welcoming people in Jesus' name.

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available.

**Hearing Impaired** For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.



"GOD'S CALLING AND EQUIPPING"

#### AS WE GATHER

The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ, who clears the obstacles of our sinfulness and comforts us with His Word and sacramental gifts.



In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

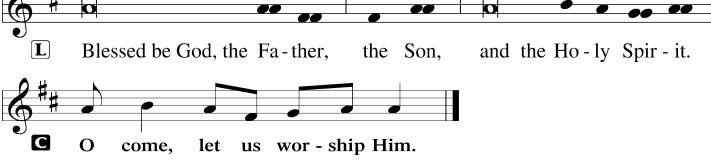


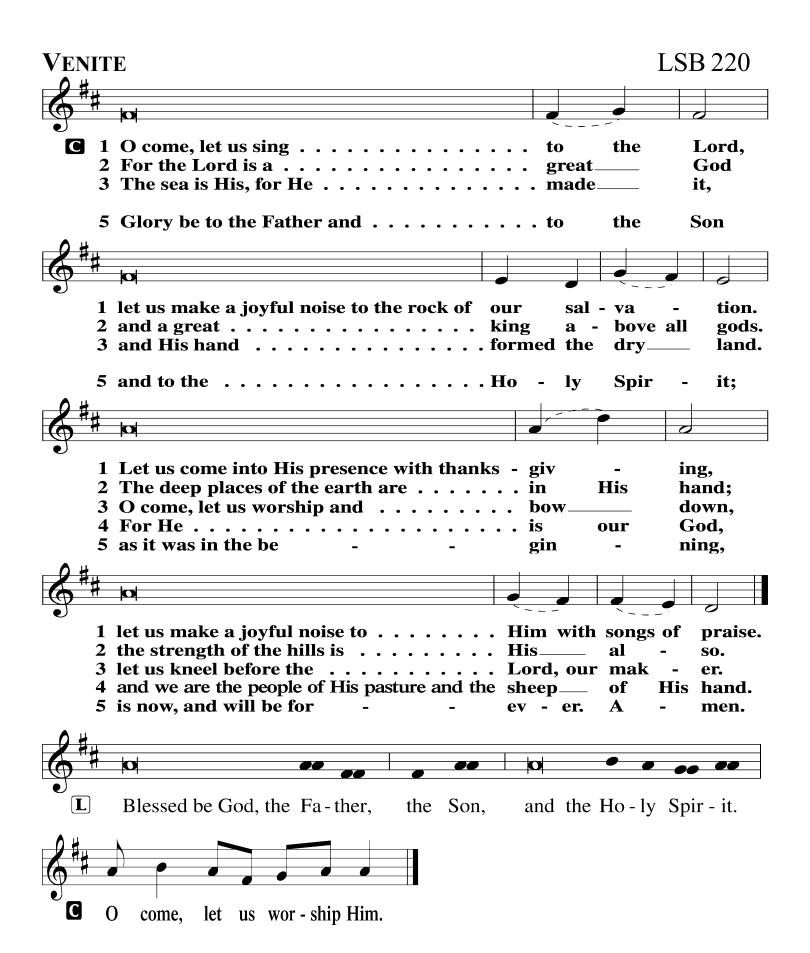
**♣** SERVICE OF MATINS **♣** 

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

## **OPENING VERSICLES** O Lord, o - pen my lips, O and my mouth will de-clare Your praise. O Make haste, O God, to de-liv-er me: make haste to help Lord. me, 0 Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men. Praise to You, O Christ. Al le - lu ia. **PSALMODY** O





(please be seated)

#### **EPISTLE**

**GALATIANS 3:23-4:7** 

(The baptized have put on Christ, becoming sons and heirs, with hearts that ae home to the Holy Spirit.)

**L** A reading from Galatians, chapter 3.

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God!

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 8:26-39

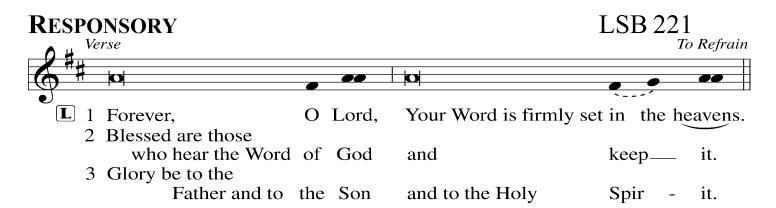
(Jesus travels beyond Galilee to break the bonds of darkness, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.
- <sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a

before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



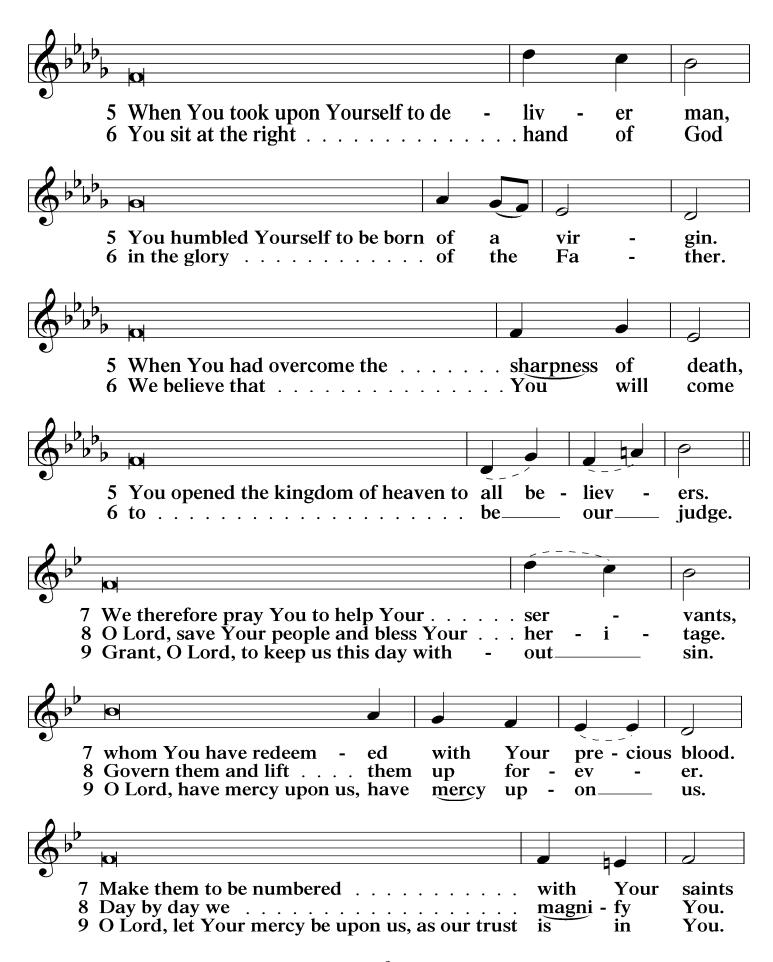


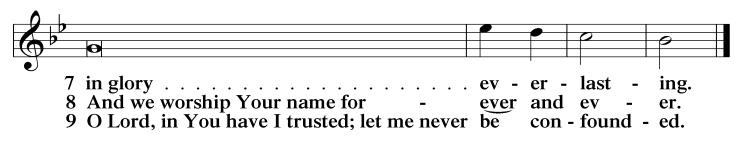
Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

#### **SERMON TITLE:** "GOD'S CALLING AND EQUIPPING (ACTS 9)"

(please stand)

**CANTICLE** LSB 223 Te Deum **C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to Lord. be Sab - a oth: 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . . . . . . praise \_\_\_\_\_ You. ing. 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty Your glo of does ac - knowl-edge You: 3 The holy Church throughout all the world To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in. The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . . praise\_ The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on -Son: Christ; 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly cry: 2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . proph-ets praise\_ You. 3 also the Holy . . . . . . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . Fa ther.





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#### WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY

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"Santo Espiritu"

#### **PRAYER**



(please stand)

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful of every nation, that they be so called by the Gospel and equipped to declare to their communities how much God has done for them, let us pray to the Lord.

- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For Your one holy Christian and apostolic church, that believers might be united in sound teaching and a clear confession of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those in the grip of darkness, ruled by the demons of grief, addiction, anxiety, and chronic disease, awaiting Your deliverance, and those hurting among us, [including . . .], let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For those growing in their faith, especially those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, or training for the ministry, that they be encouraged in the way and defended from evil, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For our homes, that parents and caregivers be guided by Your wisdom to lovingly serve their neighbors and all in their care, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the fruit of the Spirit to blossom in the lives of all believers, to the glory of God the Father, and pointing hearts to Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For all this, and whatever more Your fatherly mercy would grant to us, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **COLLECT FOR GRACE**

- P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- P The grace of our Lord ▶ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all
- C Amen.

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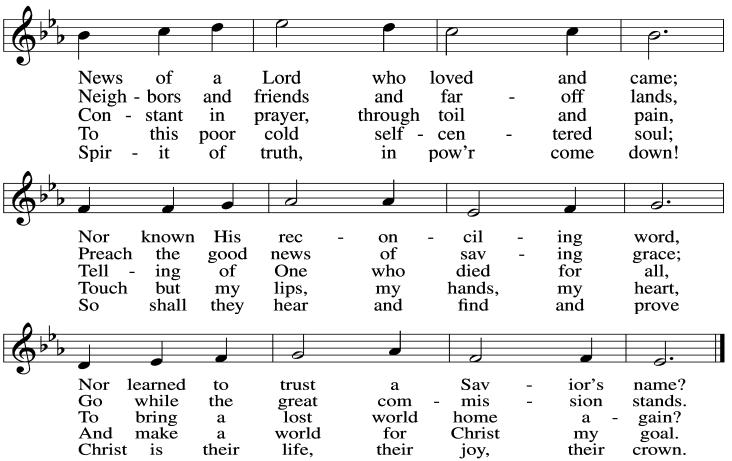
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 831

"How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard"





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#### **POSTLUDE**

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# To God Alone Be the Glory THOSE WHO SERVE

Interim Pastor	
Reader	Jim DeBerry
Acolyte	Tyler Hall
Organist	Virginia DeBerry
	Tim Benton / Mark Zimmerman
Ushers	Steve DeShaw/Jerry Gilmore/Josh Jones/Brent Keesee
Altar Guild	Kelli Jones / Michelle Wolfmueller
Teller	
Nursery Attendant	

#### **GRACE PRAYS**

 $\overline{\it We}$  continue to pray for the following:

- For Grace congregation that the Spirit's support and guidance will continue to lead and comfort us as we make our way through this time of transition as we discover, affirm, and live out our mission and ministry in Jesus.
- For our community, that we see our neighbors with eyes of love and compassion, remembering that for each and every one of us, Jesus willingly died on the cross to make us all children of the heavenly Father.
- For our youth traveling to the "Higher Things" event in Seward, Nebraska; that God would protect them in their journey and encourage them in their spiritual growth and faith as they gather with others from across the country.
- For the newly-elected leadership of the Texas District LCMS (including our own Thomas Wolfmueller who was elected to the Board of Directors), and especially our new District President, the Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersruether that the Lord would lead them even as they give leadership to our District and its various ministries.
- That the Lord of the harvest would raise up new church workers and pastors from and for our beloved Synod to lead a new generation of churches in the movement of the Gospel that is the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

#### **OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

♣ Mike Barbian, Jo Burris, Jerry Damm, Eleanor Dillenburger, Mary Ann Johnston, Marilyn Richmond, Brian Traughber, Bernice Weinkauf, and their caregivers.

#### ILL AND RECOVERING

- \$\P\$ Letha (Gary Parsley's 92 yr old aunt) is doing well after her 6/10 surgery.
- Pailly (friend of former members Andy & Marcia Dalager) had a stroke and was flown to another hospital for treatment.
- † Linda (Rhonda Shutts' sister) had a Pet Scan on 6/17. The tumor has not grown, Immunotherapy will continue with another can in three months.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the Glory of God by

#### Mary Morgan

In Thanksgiving that God has been with me through the chemo process and for giving me and my twin sister 82 years of life.

Grace in Action

For the Week Beginning June 22, 2025

Sermon Series on the Book of Acts is entitled, "Be the Church!" This series will run through the end of July. From God's Word, we see how the early Christian Church began and how it was led by the Holy Spirit to live out its faith before others.

New Bible Study: - Pr. Ramey has started a new study on S.T.E.P. – which will focus on Spiritual Gifts, Time, Experiences, and Passions. Included will be a Spiritual Gifts inventory and a personality assessment called DISC. All youth and adults are encouraged to participate in this time of selfstudy and reflection.

Portals of Prayer: The new issue that begins July 1<sup>st</sup> is out on the Usher's stand at the back of the nave. Make sure to pick up your copy and one for a friend.

Our Pillow Pal Party is TODAY. Grab some lunch and join us at noon in the Community Room. No experience needed. If you can tie a knot or write out a prayer card, you can make a pillow.

#### This Week's Bible Verse



#### Contributions as of 06/15/2025

Weekly: Need \$19,598 Received \$ 8.538

Balance \$11,060

**YTD:** Need \$470.352

Received \$351,422 Balance (\$118,930)

Readers Needed: There are still some open dates. Please check your calendar to see when you are available and sign up on the clipboard on the table in the entryway.

**Donuts:** Are you willing to pick up donuts for a month? It's super easy! You go to the drive-up window, say "Grace Lutheran" and they'll give you 3 bags. That's It! They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. Pick up at T & T Donuts at Wadley and Garfield. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out on one of the available months.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays through the summer (excluding holidays) from 1 - 3pm in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. Come join us!

#### The ECP has openings in each age group:

We'd love to fill those spots and share the love of Jesus with as many young children

as we can!

Ones M-F: 3 Twos MWF: 1

Ones MWF: 2 Ones TTH: 1

Threes MWF: 1 Fours M-F: 3
Threes TTH: 4 Fours MWF: 1

Fours TTH: 4

Kinder: 3

**2025 Tellers Needed:** Servants are still needed to assist in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. Check the **PINK SHEET** and sign up for the month you are available. **NEED SERVANTS FOR AUGUST & DECEMBER.** 

2025 Flower Chart: is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. There are still a few dates open. Please help keep expenses down for our Altar Guild by signing up today for your special dates. Each vase is \$50. Complete an envelope next to the flower chart and make sure to include your dedication. Also, let us know if you want to keep your flowers or not by checking "yes" or "no" at the bottom the envelope. Flowers need to be picked up by Tuesday morning. Make your checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.

Our Next Blood Drive: Will be July 30<sup>th</sup>. Details are in the newsletter. Sign up on the PINK SHEET to get your preferred time.

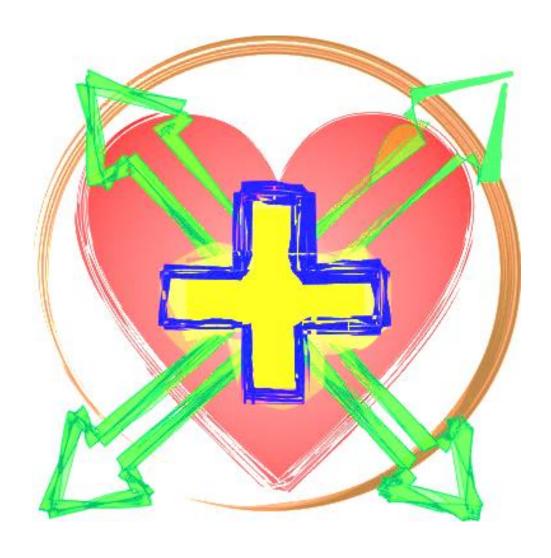
Life Quotes: "Let your life be so focused on the grace of God in Christ that your eyes are open to the people He is bringing into your life even now, 'the least of these my brothers.' Do not worry about whether the world considers them influencers or nobodies. Be attentive to those in your sphere of influence as Christ Himself is attentive to you. Concerned citizens? Sure! It is important. But being concerned disciples of Jesus for others is what ultimately lasts." Dr. Gregory Seltz, PhD, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

The Lutheran Hour: "Should I Be Worried About the Devil?" Guest Speaker: Rev. German Novelli Oliveros. The devil is real, but rather than fretting about the evil he can do, we rejoice in all that Christ has done to defeat him. (Luke 8:26-39)

Last Week's Attendance at Grace		
Sunday Divine Service (06/15) 110		
Sunday School Attendance (06/15) 31		
Adults	24	
Bibleville	4	
Youth	3	
<b>Graceful Living This Week</b>		
This Sunday	06.22.25	
7:30The Luthera	n Hour KWEL AM	
	1070 & 107.1 FM	
9:15		
10:30	•	
12:00		
Wednesday		
10:30I	Pastor's Bible Study	
Thursday		
1:00	Quilters	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	06.29.25	
9:15	Sunday School	
10:30	Divine Service	

ECP is on Summer Break.

Keep our teachers and staff and their plans for the next school year in your prayers.



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### Our Ministry Staff

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